

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE BILL 658

Call to Order: Chairman Jeff Essmann, on April 27, 2009 at
2:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jeff Essmann, Chairman (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lee Heiman, Legislative Services Division
Debra L. Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: NONE

Executive Action: HB 658 ~ DO CONCUR AS AMENDED
(SENATE VOTE UNANIMOUS, HOUSE
VOTE TIED)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 658

Discussion:

00:00:29 Lee Heiman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

EXHIBIT(frs90hb0658a01)

00:02:50 Chairman Essmann

00:02:58 Rep. Barrett

00:04:20 Chairman Essmann

00:05:35 Sen. Gebhardt

00:05:50 Sen. Gillan

00:06:23 Recess

00:33:46 Reconvene

Discussion:

00:33:59 Rep. Barrett

00:34:30 Chairman Essmann

00:34:42 Rep. Lake

00:35:03 Chairman Essmann

00:36:14 Recess

00:36:51 Reconvene

Discussion:

00:37:31 Lee Heiman, LSD

EXHIBIT(frs90hb0658a02)

EXHIBIT(frs90hb0658a03)

00:39:09 Dan Bucks, Director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

00:43:45 **Motion:** Rep. Barrett moved that **HB 658 BE AMENDED.**

(See Exhibit #3)

Discussion:

00:44:05 Sen. Gebhardt

00:44:41 Dan Bucks, DOR

00:45:31 Sen. Gebhardt

00:45:40 Dan Bucks

00:45:49 Alan Peura, Deputy Director, DOR

00:46:54 Rep. Barrett

00:47:09 Alan Peura

00:47:41 Chairman Essmann

00:48:16 Alan Peura

00:48:24 Rep. Lake

Discussion: (Con't)

00:49:00 Rep. Barrett

00:49:10 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by Senate members and House of Representative members by roll call vote.

EXHIBIT(frs90hb0658a04)

Roll Call Vote

00:50:07 **Motion:** Sen. Gebhardt moved that **HB 658 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:50:24 Rep. Jopek

00:50:54 Sen. Gillan

00:51:42 David Ewer, Director, Budget and Program Planning Office, Office of the Governor

EXHIBIT(frs90hb0658a05)

00:52:48 Chairman Essmann

00:53:07 Sen. Gillan

EXHIBIT(frs90hb0658a06)

00:54:25 Lee Heiman

00:54:49 Chairman Essmann

00:55:02 Sen. Gebhardt

00:55:15 Lee Heiman

00:55:26 Chairman Essmann

00:55:46 **Motion:** Sen. Gillan moved that **HB 658 BE AMENDED (HB065872.alh)** plus conceptually adding that funding be contingent voidance upon appropriations in HB2.
(See Exhibit #6)

Discussion:

00:56:41 Sen. Gebhardt

00:57:01 Sen. Gillan

00:57:29 **Vote:** Motion carried with Rep. Jopek voting no.

EXHIBIT(frs90hb0658a07)

Roll Call Vote

00:58:50 **Motion:** Sen. Gebhardt moved that **HB 658 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:59:07 Rep. Jopek
01:01:43 Sen. Gillan
01:03:17 Rep. Lake
01:04:20 Rep. Barrett
01:05:32 Sen. Gebhardt
01:06:17 Chairman Essmann

01:07:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by Senate committee members and tied with House of Representative members Rep. Jopek and Barrett voting no. HB 658 will advance to the House Floor "without recommendation" and will be carried on the Senate Floor by Sen. Essmann.

EXHIBIT (frs90hb0658a08)

Discussion:

01:07:57 Rep. Jopek
01:08:05 Chairman Essmann
01:08:29 Lee Heiman

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 2:55 P.M.

Debra L. Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([frs90hb0658aad.pdf](#))